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[Inclosure.]

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, November 23, 1900.

To agents of steamship companies trading to ports of the United States and their Territories:

I beg to notify you that I have this day received from the Bureau of the U. S. Marine-Hospital Service the following instructions:

"TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON-GENERAL, MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE,
Washington, D. C., October 23, 1900.

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The Bureau deems it advisable to renew the practice of disinfection of * * * steerage passengers at Yokohama for the reasons stated, namely, a possibility of the reinfection of apartments and baggage already disinfected, and also that such disinfection will save considerable time to incoming steamers.

You are, therefore, directed to renew this disinfection upon receipt of this letter.

Respectfully,

"WALTER WYMAN,
Surgeon-General, U. S. M. H. S."

In accordance with the foregoing it is then necessary that the arrangement for bathing and disinfecting steerage passengers and their effects, in force during the first half of this year, or some closely similar one, be immediately put into operation, in form satisfactory to the sanitary inspector.

I shall be compelled to refuse bills of health to any ship carrying steerage passengers from here who have not been subjected to bathing and disinfection. This applies to passengers for Hawaii, the Philippines, and Guam, as well as to those for ports in the United States proper, and also to passengers embarking for points not in the United States territory, upon vessels destined for United States ports.

Respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., Sanitary Inspector, Yokohama.

A death from plague at Osaka.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, November 30, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that since dispatching my report of 28th instant I have received news of the death by plague, at Osaka, of 1 more victim on the evening of November 27.

The central board of health at Tokyo is stated to be about to recommend methods of greater stringency in combating the epidemic.

Respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NORWAY.

Quarantine established against Kobe, Japan, and other places, and removed against Glasgow and other places.

CHRISTIANIA, December 3, 1900.

SIR: Inclosed I have the honor to send duplicate copies of a quarantine proclamation issued by the royal Norwegian Government's justice and police department on November 29, 1900.

I also send translation.

Respectfully,

HENRY BORDEWICH,
Consul-General.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.